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The Department of Health's Organization and Operation is divided in two large areas, which are:

I- Standards and Programatic Area; and the

II- Operational Area

All advisory units belonging to the Office of the Secretary, from ordinary Staff offices through the Auxiliary Secretaryships are included under the Standards and Programmatic Area. The Operational Area comprises all activities of Health Facilities and Medical Services Administration and the Regional Offices of the Department.

The Office of Aid to the Medically Indigent's position correlates to Standards and Programmatic Area. This office holds a series of functional relationships with the total Department's structure. This is possible due to the fact that all monitoring related to the Medical Assistance Program is under it's jurisdiction. Also, the functional interaction extends to the operational level particularly on the regions.

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Public Law #26 of November 13, 1975, also known as the Health Facilities and Services Administration of Puerto Rico Act, created the Health Facilities and Services Administration of Puerto Rico. Accordingly, this agency will be responsible for all the operational aspects of the Department of Health.

The Department of Health, in turn, will maintain the policy making functions concerning the agency's general planning, evaluation, and auditing activities. It will, at the same time, establish regulations for the health services and facilities aiming its activities to both the public and the private sectors.

The aforementioned functions are carried on through the following fourteen Advisory Offices and eight Assistant Secretaryships:

I. Office of the Secretary of Health

A. Advisory Offices

- 1) Internal Auditing
- 2) Legal Services
- 3) Office of Aid to the Medically Indigent
- 4) Administrative Services
- 5) Quality Control of Health Services
- 6) State Health Planning and Development
- 7) Community Relations
- 8) Federal Affairs Office

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- 9) Women and Infant Care Program
- 10) Demographic Office
- 11) Office of Profesional Standards, Regulations and Licence
- 12) Inmate Health Services
- 13) Laboratory Services Institute
- 14) OCASET
- B. Assistant Secretariats
 - 1) Special Affairs
 - 2) Environmental Health
 - 3) Emergency Medical Services
 - 4) Family Health Preventive Services
 - 5) Regulation and Accreditation of Health Facilities
 - 6) Mental Health
 - 7) Education to Health Professionals
 - 8) Nursing Secretariarship

The Office of the Secretary of Health consists of the Secretary of Health, the Under Secretary, their assistants and their secretarial and clerical staff. The Secretary of Health is responsible of the overall administration of the Departament of Health including Health Services and Facilities the Administration and the Administration created for the operation of the Puerto Rico Medical Center. As an integral part of the

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office of the Secretary, the Under Secretary participates in the direction of the Department of Health and in other aggignments he receives from the Secretary. He also functions as Acting Secretary and coordinates the regulatory and advisory component with the operational area of the health regions in coordination and through the Executive Director of the Health Facilities and Services Administration.

The overall direction of the Health Facilities and Services Administration is performed by the Secretary of Health through the Executive Director, following established policies, rules and regulations. Likewise, the Executive Director is the line of communication with the Secretary of Health for all official matters.

The general functions of the advisory and assistant secretaries offices are as follows:

A. Advisory

1) Internal Auditing Office

Performs the fiscal and operational auditing for all Department's facilities and programs to assure the most effective use of the resources and that the use of federal and state resources is in compliance with the applicable laws and regulations.

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2) Legal Services Office Provides the necessary legal advise and assistance to all Department of Health and HFSA dependencies.

- 3) Office of Aid to the Medically Indigent Responsible for the administration of the Title XIX Program in the State.
- 4) Administrative Service

 Performs the administrative functions of the Department

 of Health that were delegated to the Health Facilities

 and Services Administration.
- S) Quality Control of Health Services

 Responsible for the establishment of standards of quality services and for the continuous evaluation of the amount and scope of medical services.
- Responsible for the development of the Global Strategic Health Plan of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in accordance with the federal and state laws. Formulates the necessary criteria needed for the evaluation, and certificacion of the health facilities and other special projects of the Department of Health. Undertakes the necessary studies related to the areas of health services.

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7) Community Relations

Responsible to assist the Secretary of Health in the development and maintenance the public and community relations and to provide professional assistance in the public relations field to all Department and HFSA dependencies.

The basic activity of this office is to maintain the community informed about the programs and services available in the Department of Health.

8) Federal Affairs Office

Advises the Secretary of Health on federal regulations laws and programs funding.

9) Women and Infant Care Program Administers Public Law 95-627 as amended by section 17 Child Nutrition Act of 1966. Ιt provides supplemental nutrition to mothers and infants at risk.

10) Demographic Office

Register and maintain vital statistics on Puerto Rico's population universe according to State Law 24 of April 22, 1931, as ammended.

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11) Office of Profesional Standards, Regulations Licence Administers State Law 11 on Registration and Continuous Education of June 23, 1976.

12) Inmate Health Services Provides institutional health services to inmates of public institutions.

13) Laboratory Services Institute Administers and regulates the operations of clinical laboratory analysis and blood banks

14) OCASET -Office of Services to Sexually Transmitted Diseases

Administers State Law 81 of June 1983, as amended for prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases. It is correlated to CDC of Atlanta, Ga., the University of Puerto Rico School of Medicine and to Puerto Rico's Education Department, Social Services, Department of Services to Addiction (DSCA), Correctional Administration Department and Department of Justice. Community groups working agaisnt drug addition, are also correlated to this office, such as CREA. This office comprise Puerto Rico's main efforts against AIDS.

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B. Assistant Secretariat Offices

1) Special Affairs

Provides assistance to the Secretary of Health in establishing the administrative and operational policies for the Department of Health and in the special programs and affairs delegated.

2) Environmental Health

Responsible for the planning, development, implementation and performance of all environmental health policies in the state. Administers supervises and controls all sanitation activities.

- Responsible for the planning, organization, and operation and administration of the emergency transportation services of the state health care system.
- 4) Family Health Preventive Services

 Responsible for the planning, development, organization and supervision of the implementation and performance of the outpatient health services policy in the public health facilities.
- 5) Regulation and Accreditation of Health Facilities
 Responsible for the implementation of the provisions of
 Act 101 of June 26, 1965 as amended, to license every
 health facility on compliance with standards and
 regulations.



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- Responsible for the planning, development, organization and supervision of the implementation and performance of mental health care and policies in the public sector.
- 7) Education to Health Professions Performs the necessary functions for the planning, administration and implementation of medical and paramedical training programs and other human resources development.

8) Nursing Secretariarship

Responsible for the establishment of policies, on nursing services and to correlate as advisor on nursing matters to the Secretary's office and other pertinent dependencies.

In addition of the aforementioned functions the advisory and assistant secretaries' offices provide support to the State Health System in the following areas.

- by delegation and in coordination with the Secreary of Health, establish programs objectives and priorities that constitute the basis for the Department's public policy.
- Establish the operational component policies in line with federal, state, and municipal regulatios.

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